

## **DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

June 15, 2020

The Dodge County Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Auditorium in the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Allen Behl – District 19, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. with the following members present: Jennifer Hedrick – District 22 (via Zoom), Naomi Kriewald – District 9, Travis Schultz – District 25, and Annette Thompson – Dodge County School District Superintendent.

**Also present:** Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman, 4-H Youth Development Educator Marie Witzel and Extension Dodge County department lead Tracy Malterer.

**Also present via Zoom:** Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator; and Joe Zimbric, Crops and Soils Educator.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Behl ordered the minutes of the May 21, 2020 Extension Education Committee meeting to stand approved as printed.

**REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES:** Review of the Division of Extension - Dodge County revenues and expenses for May 2020 as presented. The Committee also reviewed the department's year-to-date budget report.

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR JUNE 15, 2020 AND CHAIRMAN BEHL'S ATTENDANCE AT A MAY 21, 2020 MEETING AND JUNE 3, 2020 MEETING WITH EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STAFF, DODGE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES, DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND DODGE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR:** Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets as listed. Motion by Thompson, second by Schultz to approve per diems as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR MARIE WITZEL TO BE NOMINATED AS A NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR:** Discussion held concerning the amount of time that would take Witzel from her county educator duties and the networking platform that will enhance capacity to bring new opportunities into county programming. Motion by Kriewald, second by Schultz to support Marie Witzel for a national 4-H Youth Development Professionals North Central Regional Director nomination. Motion carried 5-0.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RELEASE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JUNIOR FAIR OF THE DODGE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION:** The Committee discussed the cancellation of the 2020 Dodge County Fair that included the cancellation of the Junior Fair. Motion by Schultz, second by Thompson that in light of the cancellation of the 2020 Dodge County Fair, the committee does not support the payment request of funds for this year. Motion carried 5-0.

**UPDATE ON DIVISION OF EXTENSION BY AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR:** Hoffman reported on the wider outreach of the Division of Extension through virtual and online programming. Educators are working in state teams to expand their programming more than ever before. Hoffman gave

updates on state employee furloughs for May through November. Extension is in Phase 1 and following guidance of the CDC, Wisconsin DHS, the governor, and the UW-Madison Campus.

#### **SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY EXTENSION EDUCATORS:**

**Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator** – Carroll reported working on virtual programming. *Catch Your Breath with Extension* is a three-county initiative. This is a professional development/self-care opportunity for our local partner agency personnel. It is a weekly time with professional partners to connect and share tips and resources around stress management, connecting in a digital world and taking care of individual well-being. Each week focuses on a topic followed with a brief conversation and concluding, with a take-away skill. Carroll has been working on a virtual Parent Cafe. Social connections is a protective factor for children and providing a virtual time for parenting education brings parents together to learn new parenting skills and connect. Carroll has also worked on the Heart of the Farm Coffee chats, a virtual professional development for women in agriculture. Finally, Carroll has been working on virtual conference presentations: one for the state Joint Council of Extension Professionals conference, (which was cancelled); and the other for the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences conference that was also cancelled.

#### **Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Educator**

Lafler reported attending Professional Development via webinar entitled Health Promotion for Individuals with Autism in the Age of COVID-19: Development of online tools. This webinar served to strengthen the knowledge and skills to enhance programming development, delivery and management of group participants. This will enhance the current reach and engagement of several partnerships already and be more inclusive of individuals with disabilities going forward with potential new partnerships as well. Lafler also reported activity on a state FoodWise workgroup for the "Food Smarts" curriculum that is working on outlining lessons to include digital/online delivery methods. Lafler also reported that she is continuing to have conversations with partners about their current and future needs as they begin to reopen amid COVID-19 recommendations. With many unknowns as to what the fall will look like for delivery methods, FoodWise is developing fall curriculum to include the possibility of content delivery to participants via online or virtual format.

**Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator** – Witzel reported on the hiring freeze and the impact of the Summer 4-H Intern position. 4-H will not hold the summer day camps, summer fair promotion and some other programs typically done by the Summer 4-H Intern. Dodge County 4-H was invited to continue the Tech Changemakers program. They are currently working on videos on how to use Google, Microsoft teams, Snapchat and Zoom. Witzel also worked with the state evaluation specialist to do the full Thrive evaluation with 5 other counties. The team taught a session in June and will teach another in August to share the results with colleagues throughout the state.

**Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator** – Young first discussed the Tractor Safety driving exam that she would be hosting on June 18th for 32 youth. The completion of the driving exam will indicate the final hurdle for the Dodge County Tractor Safety youth in completing their certification, which will provide youth 12 years and older with their state certification, and 14 years and older with their federal accreditation. Next, Young discussed the Heart of the Farm "Coffee Chats" for Women in Agriculture that she co-hosted over four weeks in May and June. Young stated that it is the goal of this team to host these learning and networking opportunities again in the fall/winter. Finally, Young discussed the poultry workshop that she is working to develop with Ron Kean, the UW-Madison, Division of Extension Poultry specialist.

**Joe Zimbric, Crops and Soils Educator** – Zimbric and the Extension Agriculture Institute have continued to modify their summer programming in order to adapt to the constraints of telecommuting during the COVID-19 pandemic this summer. In May and June Zimbric coordinated the alfalfa scissor clip program and has continued to advance the Wisconsin Alfalfa Yield Persistence Project. Zimbric, in

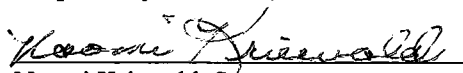
partnership with the researchers at UW-Madison and industry representatives, is helping to develop a new research project that aims to close the alfalfa yield gap. On-farm alfalfa yields are only a fraction of the yields that are achieved at research stations, and this new project will be a multi-year effort to improve our understanding of the main management factors that drive high yielding alfalfa cropping systems.

Zimbric has also continued to play a supporting role with the Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil and Healthy Water and the Dodge County Master Gardener Volunteers. He is contributing to the bi-weekly ag newsletter, and has taken on several supporting roles within Extension's Crops and Soils program, serving on several subcommittees. Lastly, the incoming call volume has increased in early part of the summer, and he has been providing science based recommendations to the wide ranging needs of the county residents.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Education Committee meeting is Monday, July 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Naomi Kriewald, Secretary

  
Allen Behl, Chairperson

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UW-Extension Education Committee  
Review of Bills  
for the Month of June 2020

**EXPENSES**

<b>UW EXTENSION ACCOUNT</b>		<b>4-H YOUTH</b>	
CC UPS CHARGES	\$38.04	SPACE CAMP MEMBER REFUNDS	\$787.50
BOHN - JUNE MILEAGE	\$13.23	FAMILY LEARNING DAY SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT	\$55.58
CC COVID SUPPLIES - FLOOR DECALS	\$17.95		
CC AMAZON BUSINESS - OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$9.99		
CC COVID SUPPLIES - GERM SHIELDS	\$346.00		
CC LAMINATING SUPPLIES	\$174.54		
		<b>UNIVERSITY EXTENSION</b>	
		WI MASTER GARDENER ASSN MEMBERSHIP	\$50.00
		LEVEL 1 TRAINING EDUCATION SUPPLIES	\$8.47
		<b>TRACTOR SAFETY</b>	
		HAND SANITIZER SUPPLIES - COVID	\$19.99
		FACE COVERINGS - COVID	\$21.49
		<b>PESTICIDE APPLICATOR</b>	
Subtotal		Subtotal	\$943.03
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			
			<b>\$1,542.78</b>